

PENNSYLVANIA.

PROCEEDINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

ADOPTED AT

A MEETING OF INHABITANTS OF YORK COUNTY,

In relation to the Currency.

MAY 12, 1834.

Read, and laid upon the table.

At a meeting of the citizens of Hellam, and part of Windsor township, in the county of York, and State of Pennsylvania, of all parties, assembled at the house of Doctor Francis Koch, in Hellam township, to take into consideration the present alarming condition of the country, both politically and financially, on motion, Henry Y. Slaymaker, Esq., was called to the chair, and Henry Rudy and Philip Gardner appointed assistants, and Robert W. Smith and Samuel Forseth, Secretaries.

The subject of deliberation being explained and enforced in a speech from John Gardner, Esq., the following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the sudden change which this country has just experienced from a high state of prosperity and universal confidence to one of failing banks, breaking merchants, ruined confidence, and commercial gloom, has its origin in the unwise action of the Executive upon the currency of the country.

Resolved, That the Bank of the United States possesses the undiminished confidence of this meeting as a financial agent of the country, and ought to be rechartered at the present session, with such restrictions and amendments as Congress in its wisdom may deem proper.

Resolved, That a union of the sword with the purse, such as at present exists, is a despotic stretch of power, which our lives and fortunes are pledged to resist.

Resolved, That, in this question, we look not at the interests of the stockholders in that Bank, nor at the institution simply as a bank, separate and apart from its uses to the Government, but we regard it as a great issue formed between liberty and her enemies.

Resolved, That the experience of every year of our political existence proves most conclusively that without a Bank of the United States we

cannot prosper, either as a Government or as a people, and this affords the true and only reason why we sustain the present Bank.

Resolved, That copies of the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the officers, and forwarded to both Houses of Congress.

H. Y. SLAYMAKER, *Chairman*.

HENRY RUDY,
PHILIP GARDNER,
Assistant Chairmen.

ROBERT W. SMITH,
SAMUEL FORSETH,
Secretaries.